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August 17, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT—COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687/
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 -VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Support the proposed new assessment on County of Los Angeles' (County) leased property within the boundaries of the existing County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County of Los Angeles Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone for the installation, operation and maintenance of the street lighting system at an annual cost of \$20, subject to an annual inflation adjustment not to exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast the ballot in support of the proposed new assessment for the property.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the proposed new assessment on the County-leased property to the existing County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County of Los Angeles Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone will allow installation, operation and maintenance of the lighting system by the County within the proposed district. The proposed new addition to the existing district contains United States Government-owned Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8119-005-907 that is under a long-term ground lease by the County for the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area located at 750 South Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte and operated by the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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A public hearing on the proposed annexation of the County-leased property to the lighting districts is scheduled before the Board on August 24, 2004. The levying of the assessment shall not be effective until the Board has approved the annexation and following filing with the California State Board of Equalization.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we promote service excellence by providing the public with beneficial and responsive services (Goal 1). Support for the new assessment to be levied against the County-leased property to facilitate servicing and maintenance of public street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed addition to the district's total assessment amount is \$20 commencing in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 and is to provide for the installation, operation, maintenance and energy for a public street lighting system; the parcel was previously assessed at \$0. Thereafter, the annual assessment may be adjusted for any increases in the CPI, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

The assessment will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget. The total amount can be charged to the occupying department, Parks and Recreation. The financial cost of paying this increased assessment can be absorbed within the departments' FY 2005-06 appropriations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments, and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the action.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval to incorporate the new assessment into this existing benefit assessment will contribute to public safety through the installation, operation and maintenance of the public street lighting system within the assessment district.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Parks and Recreation
Public Works